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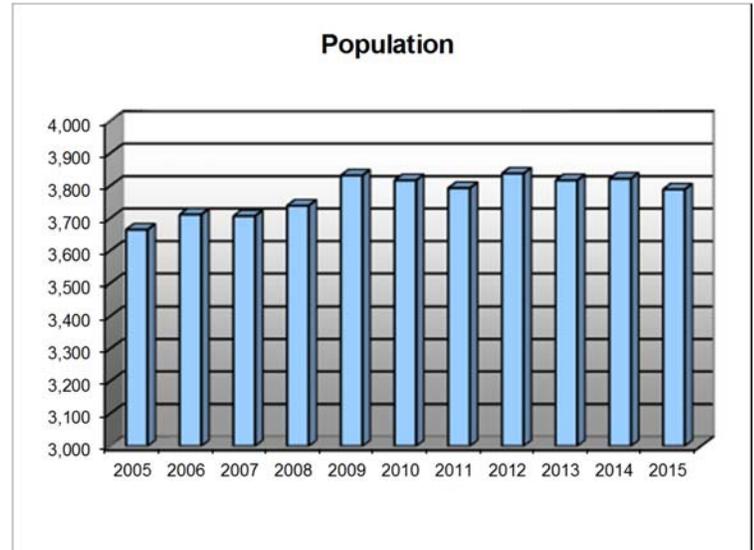
Workforce Trends

Population

Lewis County's population grew 3.4 percent from 3,665 in 2008 to 3,789 in 2015 while U.S. population grew 8.8 percent and Idaho's population grew 15.9 percent. However, the population decreased slightly, 0.9 percent, from 2014.

Declining job opportunities in natural resource-based industries caused some young families to move out. This exodus was offset by the influx of retirees looking for rural charm, safety, scenic beauty and hunting and fishing opportunities. Parts of Lewis County are bedroom communities for Lewiston.

The 2015 populations of the county's incorporated cities were 1,273 in Kamiah, 493 in Craigmont, 468 in Nezperce, 339 in Winchester and 71 in Reubens. Nezperce was the only city that gained population 2015.

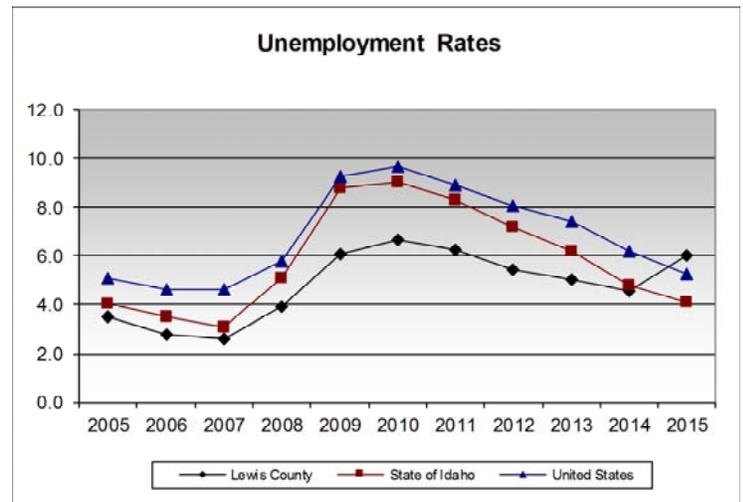


Labor Force & Employment

Lewis County remains heavily dependent on natural resource, especially agriculture and forest products. Farm income is a major factor in the spending power of county residents. High prices for wheat, cattle and other commodities boosted the local economy a few year ago, but now falling prices for wheat and cattle are reducing farm incomes and therefore spending by farmers.

Over time the forest products industry has lost jobs, but it remains a major source of employment in several communities. In May 2016, the Blue North Forest Products mill Kamiah, closed, putting 66 people out of work. Today, 120 people work at sawmills and another 70 work in the logging industry.

About 80 people work for other manufacturers. The



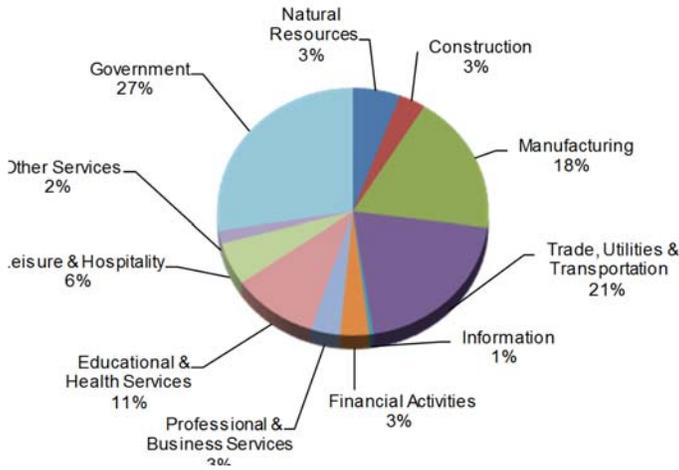
Labor Force	Oct 15	Oct 16
Civilian Labor Force	1,614	1,621
Total Employment	1,523	1,526
Unemployed	91	95
% of Labor Force Unemployed	5.6	5.9
State of Idaho % Unemployed	4.0	3.8
U.S. % Unemployed	5.0	4.9

largest is Hillco Technologies, a Nezperce company making equipment to keep farm combines level.

The county's tourism industry remains small. Public lands including Winchester State Park provide recreational opportunities, which help attract tourists and potential residents.

Labor Force	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Civilian Labor Force	1,743	1,732	1,703	1,688	1,779	1,571	1,554	1,597	1,614	1,598	1,619
Unemployment	61	48	45	66	108	105	97	87	81	73	97
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.5	2.8	2.6	3.9	6.1	6.7	6.3	5.4	5.0	4.5	6.0
Employment	1,682	1,684	1,658	1,622	1,671	1,466	1,457	1,510	1,532	1,526	1,522

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2015



Economic Development

Ida-Lew Economic Development Council is a non-profit organization recruiting new businesses, assisting existing businesses, promoting infrastructure investment to sustain long-term economic growth and strengthening and diversifying the economies of Lewis and Idaho counties.

The Nez Perce Tribe also plays a major role in economic and community development in parts of Lewis, Clearwater and Nez Perce counties.

Major Employers

Cloningers Harvest Foods (grocery)
Flying B Ranch (tourism)
Highland Joint School District 305
Hilco Technologies (farm equip. manufacturer)
It'se-Ye-Ye Casino (Nez Perce Tribe)
Kamiah Joint School District 304
Kamiah Mills
Lewis County
Nezperce Joint School District 302
Seeds Inc.

Occupational Wages*

Starting Pay

Agricultural Workers	\$9.50
Assemblers	\$9.20
Bookkeepers	\$10.80
Carpenters	\$13.60
Cashiers	\$7.70
Cooks, Restaurant	\$8.30
Janitors	\$8.80
Laborers, Construction	\$9.00
Nurses, Registered	\$24.20
Salespersons, Retail	\$8.10
Secretaries	\$10.50
Teachers	\$23.20
Truck Drivers, Heavy	\$14.30

*Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at lmi.idaho.gov.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 2005, 2014 & 2015	2005		2014		2015	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	1,287	\$22,951	1,592	\$29,760	1,607	\$30,124
Agriculture	145	\$24,810	133	\$38,543	139	\$41,246
Mining	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	62	\$20,333	50	\$26,730	45	\$29,569
Manufacturing	113	\$29,947	300	\$36,213	288	\$34,928
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	333	\$19,779	302	\$28,202	316	\$29,620
Information	8	\$27,478	9	\$37,166	8	\$33,758
Financial Activities	48	\$20,921	47	\$44,371	52	\$45,363
Professional and Business Services	*	*	*	*	*	*
Educational and Health Services	63	\$21,053	172	\$15,531	158	\$14,411
Leisure and Hospitality	82	\$9,849	74	\$9,296	84	\$9,572
Other Services	22	\$25,586	18	\$17,669	29	\$16,264
Government	385	\$25,985	437	\$30,067	430	\$31,178

Per Capita Income	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Lewis County	\$29,436	\$28,395	\$35,035	\$39,574	\$36,857	\$42,388	\$43,931	\$42,945	\$45,699	\$42,219
State of Idaho	\$29,815	\$31,945	\$32,952	\$32,854	\$31,392	\$32,050	\$33,544	\$34,846	\$35,641	\$36,734
United States	\$35,904	\$38,144	\$39,821	\$41,082	\$39,376	\$40,277	\$42,453	\$44,266	\$44,438	\$46,049

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